



Gina M. Barry, Shareholder

"I focus my practice on helping people plan for the future. Even young people should start thinking about how they will support themselves in their retirement years, and everybody needs a basic estate plan, including a will, health care proxy and power of attorney. I am down to earth, and I pride myself on making difficult and complex issues easy to understand for my clients. I have a broad client base including a mix of ages, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations."

Areas of Practice:

Estate Planning & Elder Law, Pet Estate Planning, Residential Real Estate

Education:

Western New England College, J.D., cum laude, 1999
Westfield State College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1996
Holyoke Community College, A.A., High Honors, 1994

Bar & Court Admissions:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Of Connecticut
U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Professional & Community Activities Include:

President and Founder: The Joy of Jasper Horse Sanctuary
President: Estate Planning Council, 2013-2014
Member: Western Massachusetts Elder Care Professionals Steering Committee

Awards, Achievements & Appointments Include:

Designated as 2015's Woman of Influence by Women Business Owners Alliance
Designated as Distinguished Alumni of 2015 by Holyoke Community College
Recipient: First Annual Visionary Achievement Award from *Western Mass Women's Magazine*, 2014
Recipient: New England SuperLawyer, *Boston Magazine*, 2013-2014
Recipient: Massachusetts & New England SuperLawyers Rising Star award, *Boston Magazine*, 2006 - 2012
Designated as one of the Top Five Business Women in Western Mass, *Western Mass Women's Magazine*, 2010
Recipient: *BusinessWest* 40 Under Forty distinction, 2009
Recipient: Woman of Distinction award, Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA, 2008

Publications & Lectures Include:

- You can't take it with you—charity and your estate, *Prime*, June 1, 2015
- Keeping the court out of your personal decisions, *Prime*, May 1, 2015
- Why every woman needs an estate plan, *Prime*, April 1, 2015
- Protecting assets from nursing home costs, *Prime*, June 1, 2014
- Resolve now to review your estate plan in 2015, *Prime*, January 1, 2015
- Year end tax planning—it's not too late, *Prime*, December 1, 2014
- Recognizing elder abuse, *Prime*, November 1, 2014
- A will or a trust—which estate plan is right for you?, *Prime*, October 1, 2015

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